

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Meeting
December 4-5, 2001

Hilton Chicago Hotel
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“The Official Grain Inspection and Weighing System in an Evolving Marketplace”

Introduction

The marketing structure of the U.S. food and feed industry is experiencing extraordinary and rapid changes. The emergence of value-enhanced commodities and a niche market for non-biotech grain (as defined by importers and contracts) has created a greater need to differentiate products in the grain handling system. While the mainstream commodity market continues to serve the primary needs of the food and feed industry, some market participants are using more specialized and demanding specifications to improve their processing efficiency or meet the specific needs of a customer.

Meeting Objective

To foster an ongoing, productive dialogue about the official grain inspection and weighing system's proper role in the evolving marketplace. Our goal is to allow Grain Inspection Advisory Committee members and GIPSA leadership to share their views and begin discussions on developing guiding principles for the future direction of the official inspection system.

Desired Outcomes

Begin ongoing, in-depth discussions and assessments of how GIPSA can best structure the Agency and the official inspection and weighing system, both financially and operationally, to remain a relevant, vital facilitator of U.S. grain marketing.

AGENDA

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Introduction	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
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- Continental Breakfast
- Introductions
- Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting and Agenda
- Recognition of Departing Members

Opening Remarks	8:30-9:00 a.m.
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- **William T. “Bill” Hawks**, Under Secretary
Marketing and Regulatory Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Panel 1: Ensuring GIPSA's Financial Viability	9:00-11:00 a.m.
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- **Dave Shipman**, Acting Administrator, GIPSA
“Fiscal Year 2001 Financial Status and Fiscal Year 2002 Budget”
- **Dave Orr**, Director, GIPSA/ Field Management Division
“Fee Schedule Review”
- **Committee Discussion**

Panel 2: Overview of Evolving Value-Enhanced and Bulk Commodity Markets	11:00-noon
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- **Dave Shipman**, Panel Moderator
- **Mark Scholl**, President/CEO, ExSeed Genetics
“The Latest in Research & Developments in Value-Enhanced Commodities”
- **Lowell Hill**, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois
“Growth Projections and Costs of Producing and Marketing Value-Enhanced Commodities”
- **Tom Miller**, Grain Department Manager, Farmers Cooperative Company
“How Farmers Cooperative is Adapting to Changes in the Market”
- **Arvid Hawk**, Grain Handling Coordinator, Cargill, Inc.
“How Cargill, Inc., is Adapting to Changes in the Market”
- **Committee Discussion**

Group Luncheon	12:00-1:00 p.m.
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Panel 2 (continued): Overview of Evolving Value-Enhanced and Bulk Commodity Markets	1:00-2:00 p.m.
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**Panel 3: The Role of the Official Inspection System
in an Evolving Marketplace**

2:00-3:30 p.m.

- **Marianne Plaus**, Asst. to the Deputy Administrator, GIPSA/FGIS,
and Panel Moderator
“Summary of USDA’s Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
and Future Direction”
- **Steve Tanner**, Director, GIPSA Technical Services Division
“End-Use Attribute Testing”
- **John Sharpe**, Chief, GIPSA Data and Information Analysis Branch
“GIPSA’s Ideas About IP, Process Verification, and Quality Management
Systems”
- Committee Discussion

General GIPSA Updates

3:30-5:00 p.m.

- **John Giler**, Chief, GIPSA Policies and Procedures Branch
“Updates on Grain Inspection Topics”
- Committee Discussion

Adjourn

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Continental Breakfast

7:30-8:00 a.m.

Update on Quality Assurance/Quality Control and Oversight Study

8:00-8:45 a.m.

- **Dr. John Surak**, Clemson University

Committee Discussion and Resolutions

8:45-11:00 a.m.

- **Tom Miller**, Chairperson, Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

Close-Out

11:00-11:30 a.m.

- **Tom Miller** and **Dave Shipman**
Administrative matters (i.e., date and location of next meeting)
and closing remarks.